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PENDING LAND DISPUTE CASES BEFORE BCCL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the disposal of the pending land dispute cases in Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) duringhe last three months;

(b) the loss in production due to the delay in disposal;

(c) whether the loss is more than the excessive demand of the land losers; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVISHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) There is no progress in disposal of pending cases of land dispute during the last 3 months.

(b) The loss in production is estimated to be around 5 Million tonnes per annum due to delay in disposal of the cases.

(c) It is not possible to correlate and quantify loss in terms of physical production to excessive demands of land losers, as it entails unpredictable wider implications on settlement of future land disputes not only in BCCL but at other locations also.

Acceptance of demand of excessive employment, beyond the policy and norms of the company will trigger fresh demand of employment in other locations and consequently, the number of disputes will increase. Beside, BCCLis already having surplus manpower and under these circumstances, there is even lesser rationale for considering demand for employment to land oustees beyond company's norms.

(d) Negotiation as far as practicable, with the opposite parties in association with the district administration and public representatives are being continued.